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Patent
Docket No(s). 260/012;
OI7017812001**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Alok K. SRIVASTAVA et al.

Serial No.: 09/872,590

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: METHOD AND MECHANISM
FOR USING A META-LANGUAGE
TO DEFINE AND ANALYZE
TRACES

Group Art Unit: 2191

Examiner: Satish Rampuria

Confirmation No. 2628

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTIONMail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 8, 2005, Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

This response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a petition for a two month extension of time to extend the period to respond to the Office Action to January 9, 2006, and to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17.